THE FOUNDER FIRE
NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION
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MRS. PRESTON C. ORWIC

Mrs. Helen Forbes Orwig followed her husband on February 21,1969. Her death came just two months after the passing of Wadjepi. The words in this Easter Founder Fire had been prepared for the printer in early February. And while they express a love and affection for Wadjepi, we surely want them to apply with deep and lasting meaning to Mrs. Orwig. Those of us who knew her longest and best are certain of her part in Wadjepi's leadership. Her quiet support, her friendliness, her sparkling ideas - it has been good to be in her company.

ORWIC MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Orwig, before her passing, asked me to write the gratitude of the Orwig Family to so many Founders who have sent in contributions in memory of Wadjepi. Additional gifts from other Founders will be very welcome. The Orwig Family now has suggested memorial gifts to the Foundation in remembrance of Mrs. Orwig.

NEW CAMP AT MINIWANCA

The Joint Camp-Conference is scheduled for eight days at Miniwanca in 1969. During past summers Danforth Home Ec and Ag Seniors participated in the OC and OB programs. The new Camp-Conferences, with about 90 of the Danforth Scholarship winners in attendance, will be sited in the YB area of Miniwanca,and will take place during the first week of OB. Senior year leadership in college will be stressed.

MEDAL FOR MARGARET

Foundation Trustee MARGARET HICKEY, currently a member of the Miniwanca Summer Faculty, has been awarded Sweden's King Gustave Adolf gold medal for international humanitarian service for the Red Cross. Among her many other public responsibilities, Miss Hickey is Public Affairs Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal and Vice-Chairman of the Voluntary Aid Committee, Department of State.

FRANK SHATTUCK, HONORARY TRUSTEE

Mr. S. FRANK SHATTUCK, long time Founder Trustee and Vice-President, has been named Honorary Trustee, but we expect his position to be a working one - after all,when a person has the experience of 91 years, it is well to continue to consult him.

FOUNDER OUTPOST TRIPPING

KEN BRYANT and DICK CHAMBERLAIN have come up with sparkling new outcamping programs for Miniwanca Boys Camp and Merrowvista Senior Unit Campers. Campers who qualify may expect extensive camping and canoeing in the back country of Canada, or the deep wilderness of Northeast Vermont. Interested 16 year olds should

year old boy who had polio as a baby - these reported by ELIZABETH FAIRBANKS in Cujarat, India...KEIICHI HARADA in Japan, used the fund to buy Christmas gifts for needy children in a nearby nursery...REV. KENNETH HARVEY, Belfast, Ireland, used the check for Christmas purposes to needy and deserving children in a Housing Estate near his community....DR. REINO LANSON used the grant to teach children and parents nutrition through an agricultural program....Noon meals for poor Haitian children attending SISTER ANNE MARIE's Holy Trinity School was another locale where the funds were gratefully received....Opportunity for needy Peruvian children to attend school - reported by MRS. MARGARET MUIR...CAIL PRODS bought a pair of winter boots for a lovely little 9 year old Austrian girl who has never seen and whose mother is very poor...In Kinshasa, Congo, VIRGINIA (Cray) PRUITT used the money for social occasions of Christian fellowship for students in an urban situation....Over in Nepal, Asia, SHIRLEY ROTTINK was able to give 3 scholarships to 6th grade students (including tuition, books and test fees for 1 year), plus material, thread, etc., for use in the Home Science classes... The "precious" check was used by MASAKO TACO to help so many needy young children in their hospital - Numazu, Japan...Over in Germany, BERTA (Heine) VESPER distributed our gift through Christmas gifts to needy children... In Lucknow,India, DORIS WILSON used the fund to help a 10 year old T.B. patient, to buy inexpensive jersies for 3 poor children, a school uniform for a small boy, a shirt and "dhati" for a poor, old, sick man, and a good meal for 9 poor familiies on Christmas Day....REV. EDWARD HAWLEY helped refugee children and young people in Dar

Miniwanca Girls Camp

At this season of the year with summer days just around the corner, we are looking forward to the 1969 season at our Miniwanca Girls Camp with a real sense of anticipation and with much enthusiasm. A number of former leaders will be returning to be with us this season, and we look forward to all that their good leadership will mean to the camp program. We're also looking forward to the addition of some fine new leaders to the staff, and we anticipate that the leader group will represent more than fifty different colleges and universities.

All through the winter the mail has brought wonderful notes and letters from campers and leaders, telling of some of the experiences they are having in their schools and of the leadership they are giving in school and church and community activities. We are proud of each one of them! One camper recently wrote us: "Through all of these everyday experiences and through all that I'm doing in school and church, I've learned that Miniwanca is much more than a camp. It truly is a way of life!"

Many campers have written: "I just can't wait to return for the 1969 season!" The camp has been fully registered since January with campers representing approximately thirty states and several other countries. With the many eager returning campers and some very enthusiastic new ones, we know the camp will be off to a good start on June 18th!

There will be some exciting new program projects as well as some of the favorite traditional activities, and the enthusiasm of the campers is sure to build again this year wonderful spirit and outstanding sportsmanship in the four tribal groups.

The Regional Convention of the American Camping Association in Chicago this spring provided many new and stimulating ideas and much inspiration for the coming camp season. Now we, too, are counting the days!

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S U M M E R W O R K - - Our Miniwanca Summer Staff is recruited almost entirely through recommendation by the Founder Fellowship. We still have openings for young men and a few young women, 17 years old or over, who would like to further Miniwanca's purpose and program by service in our commissary or on our ground crews.

We have openings for the entire summer (early June to August 30 or later) and for the Senior Camp-Conferences (OC - July 28-August 9; OB - August 11-23). Please help us fill these vacancies by recruiting young people from among your friends. Just send us the name and address of anyone interested and we will send an application by return mail!

LEADERS - LEADERS - LEADERS! ! We need qualified Leaders, Faculty, for both Miniwanca and Merrowvista. Please send us names and addresses of any persons whom we might contact. Your assistance is much appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS are available for qualified persons. If you know of a fine overseas student between the ages of 17 and 21 years (or an older person who is a good Leader prospect) who would have a definite interest in a Christian leadership training program and who would profit by Founder camping experience, please send full information.

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MERROWVISTA -
Girls Camp - June 22 - July 19
Family Camp - July 20 - July 27
Boys Camp - Aug. 1 - Aug. 29

MINIWANCA -
Y B - June 18 - July 22
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Miniwanca Boys Camp

"The OUTPOST" - is a name that will be often mentioned during the coming summer at Miniwanca Boys Camp, for 1969 marks the creation of a special type of camping program at Miniwanca. Fellows in their final year of YB will have the option of participating in the regular Explorer Unit, or "roughing it" in the Outpost.

The Outpost will be an integral part of the Boys Camp operation, yet it will have separate facilities and activities. The program will respond to the desire of some of the older campers for a rugged experience in outdoor living, leadership development, self-reliance, mobility, and that which is exceptional and extraordinary. The Outpost will have three phases to its five-week schedule. (1) A two-week in-camp program will emphasize camping skills, swimming, canoeing, first aid, leadership training, physical fitness, life-enrichment discussions, and trip preparation. (2) A two-week canoe trip into Canada, covering several hundred miles of river and lake tripping, portaging, nature study, and other wilderness interests. (3) One week back at Miniwanca for sharing experiences, thinking ahead for future Outpost programs, completion of skill development, and final camp activities.

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MORE FOUNDER NEWS . . . LEE CRANNIS is serving as an advisory to local Regional and Popular forces of an Xvyon Province in the southernmost tip of South Vietnam...CARL HIRTH is serving his second year as a Peace Corps Volunteer - his address: Malaria Eradication Office, Chaiyaphum, Thailand...CHAFIC KHALED and wife JOAN are back in Iran - Community School, Box 13/1157, Tehran, Iran...Another Founder abroad is HOLLY CLAYSON who is spending a year in Athens, Greece working as advisor on Student Affairs at Pierce College, Aphia Paraskevi...

RUTH (Raymond) BROWN's two older children, Rusty and Melinda, participated in a number of "Sing-Out Hilliard" concerts - their theme and philosophy being "Up With People"... Congratulations to BILL JELLEMA who was elected for Who's Who in the Midwest...WALLACE H. WILSON is Manager of the Economics Research Center in Urbana, Ill....LINDA (Peterson) SCHUBERT and husband and daughter moved to Wayland, Mass. in August. "Peter" received her MA in Audiology from Iowa State in Feb. They like New England and New Englanders and look forward to exploring the area during the summer...The international short wave station of the South East Asia Radio Voice was inaugurated in November. The control room and studio were named in honor of the late Dr. HENRY MACK who started the station in Dumaguete City in 1955...

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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR FOUNDER REPORTER - -

Faculty member, Dr. CHARLES MADDEN has had two books,"Talks with Social Scientists, 1968" and "Talks with Authors, 1968" selected by the U S Information Agency for inclusion in its Overseas University Press Book Exhibit for 1969-1970, beginning in January and touring 27 foreign countries in Europe, South America and southeast Asia..... FREDERICKA (Preston) PLUMMER received a Distinguished Service Award for her services as a Home Economist for the U. of Missouri Extension Dept....SUSAN HAYBA won the title of Bradley County "Junior Miss" - went on to be picked 2nd runner-up in the Tenn. Jr. Miss Pageant; plus nearly $1000 in scholarships and prizes....Awards were presented by the Clyde Jaycees recently, one of the winners being our own Graduate Leader PENNY RICKARD, who was named the outstanding young educator in Clyde School System...Congratulations to all!

EDITH and J.L. RUBY had a new project last summer "Operation Farm Out" - a multi-racial group of 6th graders came in groups of 3 and 4, stayed a week, helping care for pigs, chickens, pulling weeds, and harvesting vegetables. All had a happy learning time about farm life "first-hand" ... Before coming to OC last summer, MARGARET KRESIN spent a month on concert tour of 11 countries abroad as a soprano member of the American Youth Band and Chorus group...

STEVE SMITH sends news of Dayton, O. Campers: CHARLANE BOWDEN graduated from Iowa Wesleyan and is teaching in Cleveland;CAROL LYNNE JAMES is a Senior at Ohio State; JANIE WIESMANN is a Junior at Miami of Ohio; TOM STORK enlisted in the Army in Sept., and Steve himself began Navy duty in late January....LCpl. Q. LARRY SNOOK, JR.

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MRS. PRESTON C. ORWIG

Mrs. Helen Forbes Orwig followed her husband on February 21,1969. Her death came just two months after the passing of Wadjepi. The words in this Easter Founder Fire had been prepared for the printer in early February. And while they express a love and affection for Wadjepi, we surely want them to apply with deep and lasting meaning to Mrs. Orwig. Those of us who knew her longest and best are certain of her part in Wadjepi's leadership. Her quiet support, her friendliness, her sparkling ideas - it has been good to be in her company.

ORWIG MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Orwig, before her passing, asked me to write the gratitude of the Orwig Family to so many Founders who have sent in contributions in memory of Wadjepi. Additional gifts from other Founders will be very welcome. The Orwig Family now has suggested memorial gifts to the Foundation in remembrance of Mrs. Orwig.

NEW CAMP AT MINIWANCA

The Joint Camp-Conference is scheduled for eight days at Miniwanca in 1969. During past summers Danforth Home Ec and Ag Seniors participated in the OC and OS programs. The new Camp-Conferences, with about 90 of the Danforth Scholarship winners in attendance, will be sited in the YB area of Miniwanca,and will take place during the first week of OS. Senior year leadership in college will be stressed.

MEDAL FOR MARGARET

Foundation Trustee MARGARET HICKEY, currently a member of the Miniwanca Summer Faculty, has been awarded Sweden's King Gustave Adolf gold medal for international humanitarian service for the Red Cross. Among her many other public responsibilities, Miss Hickey is Public Affairs Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal and Vice-Chairman of the Voluntary Aid Committee, Department of State.

FRANK SHATTUCK, HONORARY TRUSTEE

Mr. S. FRANK SHATTUCK, long time Founder Trustee and Vice-President, has been named Honorary Trustee, but we expect his position to be a working one - after all,when a person has the experience of 91 years, it is well to continue to consult him.

FOUNDER OUTPOST TRIPPING

KEN BRYANT and DICK CHAMBERLAIN have come up with sparkling new outcamping programs for Miniwanca Boys Camp and Merrowvista Senior Unit Campers. Campers who qualify may expect extensive camping and canoeing in the back country of Canada or the deep wilderness of Northeast Vermont. Interested 16 year olds should write us.

KODAYA IN NURSING HOME

KODAYA, our Miniwanca and Merrowvista poet laureate, has taken residence in a nursing home in Westerville, Ohio. Cards, letters, orders for his books and record should be mailed to his home address:
Dr. Osbert Wrightman Warmingham, 170 West Home Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081

JIM ORWIG, FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

At the annual meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees in January JIM ORWIG was elected to membership on the Board. In his more formal role he is Dr. James P. Orwig, Dean of Men at Berea College, (Kentucky). His Founder experience is as long and vital as you would expect Wadjepi's son to have: Miniwanca YB, OS Graduate, Summer Staff, Cabin Leader, Faculty, and recent ('66) YB Associate Director. It is so appropriate for Jim to continue his Father's tradition, and I am delighted at the prospect of such service with one of my own oldest friends. Jim's mother, Mrs. Helen Forbes Orwig, was very pleased.

and family are now living at Camp Lejeune, N. C. where he has been assigned to USMC....ROGER ERWIN will be on Clinical Affiliation this summer at Medical College of Virginia in the School of Physical Therapy....

Rev. Dr. ALLEN O. MILLER has been elected Chairman of the North American Council of the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches..GENE ROBINSON continues as Dean of Students at Iowa State. He and wife MARLENE experienced the power of a curfew during meetings in Detroit and Berkeley....Besides rearing and caring for her family, PEARL (Parker) WANDER is still teaching 1st graders at Pittsfield Grade School in Ann Arbor, Michigan...

Those of you who remember DO WON HAHN will be happy to hear of his appointment as Assoc. Scientist, Reproductive Research, in the Division of Pharamacology at Ortho Research Foundation in Raritan, NJ. Do Won earned his PhD in Endocrinology at the Univ. of Missouri. He and his wife, KIMMIE and their three children live at D-1 140 Flemington Arms, Flemington, N.J. 08822..... SILSBEE COLLINS is a Registered Medical Technologist with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, working at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas...The first of 1969 found VON DELL CLASER starting a new position with the Omaha YWCA - Program Coordinator. MAXINE BURCH is also working at the Y. Their address: 6765 Military Ave., Omaha, Neb. 68104...

FLORENCE SWEET spent some time in Alaska last summer - her Christmas greeting card was in the language of the Eskimo...Mrs.Harmon Andrews (DORIS KITZMAN) and family now live at Blueberry Lane, RFD #2, Southbury, Conn. 06488,where her husband was advanced to a new job with Uniroyal. Doris says, "We'll expect all our traveling friends to stop by." ...After teaching school for five years, then as assistant City Forester (Jackson, Mich)

Miniwanca Girls Camp

At this season of the year with summer days just around the corner, we are looking forward to the 1969 season at our Miniwanca Girls Camp with a real sense of anticipation and with much enthusiasm. A number of former leaders will be returning to be with us this season, and we look forward to all that their good leadership will mean to the camp program. We're also looking forward to the addition of some fine new leaders to the staff, and we anticipate that the leader group will represent more than fifty different colleges and universities.

All through the winter the mail has brought wonderful notes and letters from campers and leaders, telling of some of the experiences they are having in their schools and of the leadership they are giving in school and church and community activities. We are proud of each one of them! One camper recently wrote us: "Through all of these everyday experiences and through all that I'm doing in school and church, I've learned that Miniwanca is much more than a camp. It truly is a way of life!"

Many campers have written: "I just can't wait to return for the 1969 season!" The camp has been fully registered since January with campers representing approximately thirty states and several other countries. With the many eager returning campers and some very enthusiastic new ones, we know the camp will be off to a good start on June 18th!

There will be some exciting new program projects as well as some of the favorite traditional activities, and the enthusiasm of the campers is sure to build again this year wonderful spirit and outstanding sportsmanship in the four tribal groups.

The Regional Convention of the American Camping Association in Chicago this spring provided many new and stimulating ideas and much inspiration for the coming camp season. Now we, too, are counting the days!

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SUMMER WORK - - Our Miniwanca Summer Staff is recruited almost entirely through recommendation by the Founder Fellowship. We still have openings for young men and a few young women, 17 years old or over, who would like to further Miniwanca's purpose and program by service in our commissary or on our ground crews.

We have openings for the entire summer (early June to August 30 or later) and for the Senior Camp-Conferences (OC - July 28-August 9; OB - August 11-23). Please help us fill these vacancies by recruiting young people from among your friends. Just send us the name and address of anyone interested and we will send an application by return mail!

LEADERS - LEADERS - LEADERS! ! We need qualified Leaders, Faculty, for both Miniwanca and Merrowvista. Please send us names and addresses of any persons whom we might contact. Your assistance is much appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS are available for qualified persons. If you know of a fine overseas student between the ages of 17 and 21 years (or an older person who is a good Leader prospect) who would have a definite interest in a Christian leadership training program and who would profit by Founder camping experience, please send full information.

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	Girls Camp	- June 22 - July 19		Y B - June 18 - July 22
MERROWVISTA	- Family Camp	- July 20 - July 27		Y C - June 18 - July 22
	Boys Camp	- Aug. 1 - Aug. 29	MINIWANCA	- O C - July 28 - Aug. 9
				O B - Aug. 11 - Aug. 23
				Joint Camp Conference - Aug. 10-17
				Family Camp - Aug. 17 - 23

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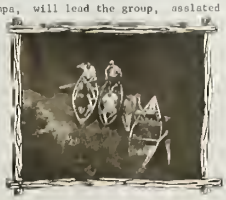
Miniwanca Boys Camp

"The OUTPOST" - is a name that will be often mentioned during the coming summer at Miniwanca Boys Camp, for 1969 marks the creation of a special type of camping program at Miniwanca. Fellows in their final year of YB will have the option of participating in the regular Explorer Unit, or "roughing it" in the Outpost.

The Outpost will be an integral part of the Boys Camp operation, yet it will have separate facilities and activities. The program will respond to the desire of some of the older campers for a rugged experience in outdoor living, leadership development, self-reliance, mobility, and that which is exceptional and extraordinary. The Outpost will have three phases to its five-week schedule. (1) A two-week in-camp program will emphasize camping skills, swimming, canoeing, first aid, leadership training, physical fitness, life-enrichment discussions, and trip preparation. (2) A two-week canoe trip into Canada, covering several hundred miles of river and lake tripping, portaging, nature study, and other wilderness interests. (3) One week back at Miniwanca for sharing experiences, thinking ahead for future Outpost programs, completion of skill development, and final camp activities.

The Outpost will accommodate 12 campers, and it will be located in a lovely, secluded dune area in the "Well" area of the Miniwanca property. Campers will live in tents and have other facilities to provide maximum autonomous living. Meals will be in the YB Eating Lodge as well as in the Outpost.

TOM STEEN, a former Miniwanca and Merrowvista leader in the Boys Camps, will lead the group, assisted by another leader of comparable experience. Tom teaches high school in Grand Rapids; he is a seasoned camper and canoeist and has previously led Canadian wilderness trips for teenagers at another camp.



The Outpost will be operated safely and with every possible caution. Not only will the leadership be of exceptional quality, but the campers will also receive careful training and preparation for the Canadian trip. Equipment will be especially suited for this type of outdoor life. The trip should be an exciting and profitable experience. Campers will return home with the great satisfaction of having met and conquered a great challenge in a most enjoyable and meaningful way.

WILLIAM BLODGETT is in his 4th year as a Special Representative with The College Life Insurance Company of America and writes "it is a truly great company"... JOANNE (Bourgeois) WOLLERMAN is now working with preschool children at the YMCA teaching gymnastics, trampoline, coordination training, swimming, and youth tennis...ABBY JANE (Nicholson) MORRISON and husband are now living at 331 Hopkins Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21212.

Peace Corps Volunteer, BARBARA PARKER has written of her experiences in the Eastern Caroline Islands, Kolonia, Ponape - teaches grades 2,3,4,7,8, and science in 6th grade; works with the Ponape Woman's Ass'n., teaches Sunday School at Protestant Mission Church. Writes Barbara: "Being a PCV is many things - it's warm and starlite evenings and relationships with people, it's waking up at 5:30 AM and hearing a rooster greeting the dawn, in a language you don't understand - it's filling kerosene lanterns, drinking catchment water and eating foods you never knew existed - it's walking down the street and hearing children call your name because everyone knows the somn pwotucdt (teacher) - it's files, medicine women, lush green and multicolored flowers - however, I can better understand the meaning, 'Let there be peace on earth.'" ...

LEILA ANDERSON's newsletter relates that she spent two days with KENNETH HARVEY in Belfast during her travels to 24 countries following her retirement as field worker in Christian education for the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. She has revised her book, "Pilgrim Circuit Rider" which tells about her challenging experiences in the Philippines. A copy can be secured by sending a dollar to Leila at Route One, Box 132, La Moille, Ill. 61330...DONNA VAN WESTROP had an exciting time in Nassau last summer, scuba diving, at one time down to a depth of 265 feet. Her fellow "Aqua Rays" gave her a "Diver of the Year" award!

Camp Merrowvista

It was over 50 years ago that Dr. Charles Elliott of Harvard University said that, "the greatest gift to the field of education is the summer camp." Today, with over 10,000 camps and more than 7½ million campers there are many of us who believe this to be more true than ever. Many of us dedicate our professional lives to camping because of our belief that a child can be reached more quickly and more significantly in the "total environment" of a summer camp than in any other setting. Many summer camps today, as "experimental communities in living relationships" have the opportunity to be a sounding board for much of society.

Let's be even more specific about a few of the tangible/intangibles Merrowvista offers:

- the village group of 8-10 campers and 2 leaders offers one the opportunity of concentrated living in a situation where give and take is necessary; where sensitive staff have a profound effect on campers; where campers can more comfortably than usual see themselves reflected in the eyes of others and grow through this process. This happens in hundreds of examples in AYF camps every summer and campers, parents, and leaders are eager to let us know these changes.

- older campers fill out an extensive questionnaire that helps them to look at themselves realistically, their hopes, their goals. It is a process that cannot help but stimulate introspection,concluding with desires and plans for change. Campers then have the opportunity to discuss their hopes and concerns with an administrative staff person - in many instances the first person who has ever spent a few hours talking with and listening to them in this way. Many campers were at Merrowvista last summer partly because this had been such a meaningful experience for their parents when they were campers. It tells them someone cares in a new way, it directs their insight, it aids them in developing a new outlook.

- our Senior Unit Curriculum offers insights into self and society and is just one of the many aspects of camp providing leadership training. Some of last summer's courses; PEOPLE TO PEOPLE (attempt to become aware of the field of social work by discussing our response to emotions and feelings, an attempt to break down some of the white racism that infects our society by having dialogue between white and Negro campers and staff, sharing of insight and concern about the use of drugs across the country by high school students); DEVELOPING YOUR OWN LIFE STYLE (campers looked at what it means to be a "whole person" and open to growth - fourfold - in all areas of our personal development); DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSERVATION ETHIC (study, discussion, beginning stages of a nature/wildlife/conservation plan for Merrowvista, field trips and an outdoor project on camp property).

- fun and adventure are an integral part of Merrowvista. Our two tribes meet daily in a variety of activities. Campers between 11 and 16, divided into 3 age groupings, find a variety and progression in activities/sports/games. Older campers move into the Senior Unit and oldest campers have the opportunity to participate in our new Vermont Outpost Camp Program (note special description in other materials). There is excitement at the waterfront and on the ball field and high adventure in our hiking and canoeing trips throughout northern New England.

Merrowvista offers much more for the development of boys and girls than this space allows room to describe. But no matter how much we say, in final summary we know that America's destiny in the next half century will be shaped by events involving Youth, the Land, and human Understanding. And we know that it is dedicated, sensitive, skilled, inspiring leaders - "highly significant" people who will provide the positive role models that will mold campers' lives to bring this about. We are fortunate in 1969 that many of our staff from 1968 will be returning. Some are: BETH EARLY, DAVE RINKER, MERLE ALBRICHT, assisting in the Direction of Girls, Family, Boys Camp; CARL KLINE as C.I. Director; LOU ANN McELYEA as Camp Secretary; DIXIE ZWEIFEL as Camp Nurse.

- Dick Chamberlain

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DAVE GREEN MEMORIAL COUNCIL CIRCLE

Contributions from Founder friends will provide a new permanent Council Circle at Camp Merrowvista this summer. The WICKAKA COUNCIL CIRCLE, bearing Dave's Indian name, will honor Dave Green - long associated with Merrowvista as Director and friend. The Merrowvista Advisory Committee generously pledged $1700 toward this new Council Circle at their Fall 1968 Meeting at Merrowvista. Please send your contribution to the American Youth Foundation, 3460 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139.

FOUNDER ARRIVALS .. .. Kristen Kay to Mr. & Mrs. David A. Nelson (SANDRA DISSE) 2/6/68; Edmond Bard to Mr. & Mrs. Edmond A. Benton, Jr. (MILDRED BARD) 8/21/68; Daniel Tyler to Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Brenner (JANE ERB)11/17/68; Elizabeth Holly to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wagoner (NANCY EARLY) 12/22/68; Elizabeth Lynn to Mr. & Mrs. Gurtis J. Schubert (LINDA PETERSON) 12/28/68; Timothy James to ROBERT & MACCIE WATSON 12/30/68; Laura Catherine to Mr. & Mrs. Al Rice (ROBIN JOHNSON) 1/17/69; Shannon Louise to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pollitt (MARY SUE FORTNER) 2/1/69; Amy Newell to Mr. & Mrs. L. K. Buckmaster (JOAN McCABE) 2/69 ...

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